GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3271
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2003
NON-UTILISATION OF FUNDS FOR WELFARE OF HANDICAPPED
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a certain portion of funds allocated during the Ninth Five Year Plan under the scheme meant for welfare of the handicapped had to be surrendered due to non-utilisation thereof;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether reservation for handicapped in admission for higher education has been abolished; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL)

(a) & (b) A statement is placed at Annexure.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3271 for answer on 14.8.2003 put forth by Shri Ramdas Athawale, regarding `Non utilization of Funds for Welfare of Handicapped`.

PLAN SCHEMES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Rs. in crores

Year	Budget Estimate (BE)	Revised Estimate (RE)	Expenditure Estimate (ExE)	%age of Exp. to RE	Reasons for savings with reference to BE
1997-98	106.44	56.66	56.30	99.36	Due to non receipt of adequate number of recommendations from the State Governments under Scheme of Assistance to Disabled persons for purchase/ fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP), Development of special schools for Handicapped children and due to instructions from Ministry of Finance to defer the proposed new schemes to next financial year.
1998-99	141.54	113.75	106.87	93.95	The scheme of development of Special Schools for Handicapped persons was under revision. Non-approval of the Scheme of National Rehabilitation Programme for Handicapped by the Planning Commission. The scheme was approved later as a State Sector scheme and release commenced in 1999-2000. Approval of Planning Commission for the `Scheme arising out of implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act` not received during the year.
1999-2000	179.50	146.29	134.29	91.80	Inadequate recommendations from State Governments under the Scheme to promote voluntary action for persons with disabilities. Savings under the Scheme of Rehabilitation Council of India was due to

					non-approval by Standing Finance Committee for construction of the building proposed by the Council.
2000-01	230.10	228.20	217.04	95.11	Under the Scheme of Rehabilitation Council of India, non receipt of proposal in all respect for Research and Building grants. Implementation of proposals formulated under the `Scheme arising out of implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act` had just started.
2001-02	232.03	239.60	236.73	98.80	No savings w.r.t. to B.E.